



# THE PHILADELPHIA DISPATCHER

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The Philadelphia Division is pleased to announce that we will be conducting our next meet on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Albans Church in Newtown Square. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year at this location. St. Albans is located on Route 252 just North of Route 3. All division members are encouraged to attend. In addition to our normal schedule of clinics and contests, we will also be conducting our Annual Meeting. The schedule for the morning will be as follows:

Annual meeting	9:00 AM
Meet starts	10:00 AM

It is extremely important for as many division members as possible to attend the 9:00 AM meeting. We will be conducting our election at this time, plus giving out details of some very important changes that may affect your division membership (details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter about the candidates and membership changes).

Our contest for this meet is open loads. Any scale or gauge is welcome to participate in this popular vote contest. The winner will receive a three pack of UMP hoppers!

Our clinics for this meet are:

Joe Gone and Graphite: Division member John Farquhar will present

this clinic which is for beginner and expert alike, looking at such things as couplers, trucks, track, wheelsets and the like. This clinic is designed to get our trains to run more reliably. It sounds like a lot of fun!

Our second will be a presentation by noted railfan and photographer Larry DeYoung. Larry will take us on a Conrail Retrospect slide journey. With this soon to be fallen flag, come look at it's brief history and the impact it has made on railroading.

The St. Albans Railroad (St.ARR) will be having an open house in conjunction with the meet and will be one of the layouts on the tours immediately following the meet. Maps will be distributed.

There will be no charge for admission to this meet on account of the new membership changes. Coffee and Donuts will be available at the meet. There will be Flea Market tables available at \$5.00 each, but you must contact John Nawn by March 23<sup>rd</sup> if you want a table.

Is your membership due  
for renewal? See  
important membership  
information on page 6!

## Notice of annual meeting

In accordance with the recently reaffirmed by-laws of the Philadelphia Division, we are required to hold one annual business meeting per year. The 1998 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 28, 1998 immediately preceding the Spring Division Meet. The Annual Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and run approximately one half hour. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

- Opening
- Approval of Minutes from last meeting(none)
- Treasurers Report (Bank Balance)
- Clerks Report (Membership)
- Achievement Program Report (Dave Messer, MMR)
- Old Business
- Formal Adoption of Division by-laws
- Brandywine Junction '97 wrap up
- New Business
- Lehigh Valley Limited/MER 1998 Fall Train Show & Sale
- New affiliation/operating agreements for the Module Team(Tom Cancelmo)
- Tentative 1998 Schedule of Meets/Events
- Division Officer Elections.
- Assistant Superintendents Minute
- Superintendents Minute
- For the good of the Division
- Special Presentation
- Closing

## Transitions

By Stephen F. Salotti, Editor

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain

a time to keep and a time to throw away.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7 selected

These words of Solomon, made famous during the sixties by the Byrds song "Turn - Turn - Turn", speak volumes of the changes that will be taking place in the Philadelphia Division over the next year.

The first change that you will notice is the change in Editors! It is with much fear and trepidation that I am stepping into Nathan's shoes. In the four years that he has been charged with producing our quarterly newsletter, he has set a high standard for accuracy and quality. It has been a real pleasure to know that as John, Eric and I planned activities they would be promoted on time and accurately to our membership. And with a membership as diverse and geographically separated as ours, clear communication is of the utmost importance.

I can only say thank you to Nathan for a job well done, and ask that you give me a

chance to learn how to do this (Nathan kept saying it isn't that hard, but right now I'm not so sure).

The next major change will be among the Division officers. After serving faithfully for over 5 years, the current staff would like to see new people come forward to fill their positions. These officers are not "abandoning" the Division, each will still be willing to help in numerous ways, but family and other commitments have to be considered. This is discussed more fully elsewhere in this edition of the Dispatcher.

I would like to take a moment to thank those of you who have encouraged me to run for Superintendent, however, I must decline. At this point, I would like to try my hand at editing the newsletter and going for my Author certificate in the NMRA Achievement program. This goal, along with family, work, and personal and hobby goals should keep me busy enough. I am also willing to be actively involved in other areas as specific needs arise.

Now it's your turn. How are you going to impact the Transitions taking place in the Division this year? Will yours be an active part, having a positive influence? Or will you silently wait to see how things "turn-turn" out in the end. We need all the members of the Division to be involved. Let's continue to build an exciting Division in 1998.

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**Submissions:** The PHILADELPHIA DISPATCHER welcomes any model railroad- or railroad-related material. Members are encouraged to send in articles, letters to the editor, reviews, etc. Submissions are preferred typed, double-spaced. The editor reserves the right to, when necessary, paraphrase small portions of the text in order to fit the space available.

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**Membership:** \$3.00 per year. Address all membership applications, renewals, address changes, etc. to the Clerk. If the date in the upper-right corner of your mailing label is highlighted, your membership will expire soon. Please pay at the next meet or mail payment to the Clerk. Make checks payable to "Philadelphia Division, NMRA."

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## A Thank You Note

All of the Division members who happen to be parents certainly understand the concern about the friends their children make. Nearly five years ago our young teenager Nathan began attending Division meets and subsequently approached Superintendent John Nawn and asked if he could edit the newsletter. John and the other officers undoubtedly would have been justified in declining the offer, but while recognizing the risk of entrusting this responsibility to a 13 year old, they also recognized the opportunity to nurture and mentor his growth and development. Of far greater importance than the enhancement of Nathan's model railroading interests and expertise have been the strong friendships and support that the Division has given our family. As parents we feel there is much to be grateful for and the Philadelphia Division has much to be proud about its support of Nathan.

Rob Kuhlman and Carol Ashby

Editors Note: Our best wishes go to Nathan and his family, and wish him success as he attends Swathmore College in the fall.

## Announcing - Lehigh Valley Limited

OCTOBER 9, 10 and 11

Save those dates!

The Mid-East Region fall convention comes north in the fall after a spring visit to Charlotte, North Carolina. If you had fun at Brandywine Junction or wished you could have attended, the Lehigh Valley Limited is just for you. It's a short drive away at the Allentown Days Inn, Route 22 and 309.

The concentration will be on modeling and sharing with other modelers. Activities are being planned and will include:

- 30 clinicians, including local prototypes and hands on seminars
- a non rail tour to local museums and a vineyard
- a Saturday night banquet (low priced) with a speaker (TBA)
- model contests, photo contest and non rail contest
- at least twenty five layouts open for you to visit
- directions to local historical sites and railfanning locations
- MER board meeting, annual meeting, and more

Early bird registrations will be only \$30. Look for the form in your May-June LOCAL or a future issue of The Dispatcher.

## Want Adds

The Philadelphia Division is pleased to offer free, non-commercial want adds to its members. If you have any items you would like to sell, please send the information to the Editor at least three weeks prior to the publication date for the next issue listed in the Division information column on page two of each issue. Information may be E-mailed.

### Magazines for Sale

Over 100 model railroad magazines for sale. 75% MR, 25% RMC, mostly from 70s and 80s, plus four model RR books. Many complete years of MR. Full list available on request. Entire package only – sorry, no individual copies. Dealer inquiries welcome. Best Offer. John, (215) 242-9430 evenings (or leave message), or [jhay@erols.com](mailto:jhay@erols.com)

### UMP Hoppers Available

The Philadelphia Division has a limited number of Upper Merion & Plymouth hoppers left from the Brandywine Junction '97 convention. These cars will shortly go on sale to the general public. Cars will be available at the March division meet, or may be ordered by sending a check to the Division Superintendent. Cars are \$10 each, or a three pack with different numbers for \$28.

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This is the last time I will have the opportunity to author this by-line, and it has been the most difficult one to compose. As of April 1st, the other Division Officers and myself will be passing the leadership of the Division to a new team of Officers. On behalf of my fellow officers, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to lead the Division.

Elections have been scheduled for March 28 at our Annual Meeting immediately preceding the Division Meet. A truly enthusiastic and highly capable team has been nominated and is expected to take over the reigns of the Division on April 1st. So why not come out to our Annual Meeting and Spring Division meet as a show of support for the new officers as you have always done for us in the past.

The decision not to continue as Division Superintendent was not an easy one and not arrived at in haste. Please also understand, that the decision was not as a result of the most recent Convention or my new responsibilities with National. While Brandywine Junction has left me a little winded, I am certainly not burnt out. The decision was reached many years before the Convention. After all, it is much better to leave a legacy of success than failure. Brandywine Junction represented the pinnacle of achievement for the Division, and I leave the Division in a stronger position than when I started six years ago. My greatest fear for the Division was one of complacency. I have peaked, all my new ideas are exhausted. While I could certainly continue as Superintendent, I fear that the program would stagnate. Now is the best time to pass on the leadership to a new team, and building on our past success with their new ideas and energies to lead the Division to the next level. I still have a deep passion for the Division, the NMRA and the greatest hobby on earth, but I no longer have the passion to serve as Superintendent. It has ceased to become a hobby for me, now it's more like work and I already have a job. It is not the end of an era, but the beginning of the next level.

I'm certainly not going away, though. I look forward to continue to be in attendance at all the Division Meets and have agreed to serve in somewhat of an advisory role to the new officers. If the Division decides to continue with the annual Train Show & Sale, I have agreed to continue to Chair that event also. As for the other officers, they expect to continue to be around too. Steve has agreed to take over as Editor for the Dispatcher. Admittedly, Steve is the most active "modeler" of the current Division Officers and wants to devote more of his time to his layout, a reason I can certainly appreciate and envy. It was only a matter of time before Eric was tapped for bigger and better things. He is, of course, currently serving as the MER Secretary, and doing an excellent job at that. Mike is a veteran of Division leadership having served as a Division officer for at least the past 10 years and three Supers. Mike deserves a break, and like Steve, wants to devote more time to his growing layout.

Regarding the most recent Convention, Brandywine Junction was one of the best MER Conventions ever held and the compliments continue to roll in. My heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes out to the staff, volunteers and all those Division members in attendance for helping to make this event such a success. I hope you all had the opportunity to experience at least some of the Convention. If you did, and had as good a time as I did, why not consider attending the next Region Convention in Charlotte (registration form found elsewhere in this issue) and the Fall MER Convention, Lehigh Valley Limited, in October. Incidentally, page 18 of the February issue of Railpace has a picture of our Doodlbug Fan trip.

The Division really came through for the Convention, and now I have one more favor to ask. Why not consider signing up for MER and NMRA membership. While the Division currently boasts one of the highest memberships in the Region, less than half of our members are currently NMRA members. I would like to think that most of you are still interested in maintaining your Division membership. Why not try it for one year, at least. You are never going to see prices like this again, and you won't find any other Division offering their members such a deal. It is through your support of the Division and its programs that we are able to make this offer, so why not take advantage of it. The monthly NMRA Bulletin, the third largest model railroad magazine is worth the \$35 alone. If you like the program the Division has provided, I am quite confident you will find Region and National membership just as fulfilling.

If you read your February issue of the NMRA Bulletin, you will note that I have a new position with National. I will be serving as the Chairman of the Conformance & Inspection Committee; the one charged with issuing those

conformance warrants (NMRA footballs) that I hope will begin to become more prevalent on your favorite hobby products. Again, please note that my new role had nothing to do with my decision not to continue to serve as Superintendent. Rather, it was as a result of my decision that National decided to offer me the job. Thank you to all the members who have expressed their support and offered their assistance with my new responsibilities. I want to also thank the anonymous Division member who wrote in my name as a their candidate in the most recent MER elections. Although I wasn't on the ballot, I was quite surprised that I had received one vote.

We have an exciting March Meet planned and I hope you will all be able to join me for this celebration of model railroading.

In closing, it has been your support that has made this all worthwhile and I hope that you will continue to support the new officers as you have done us. Sure we have seen some great layouts and had some excellent clinics, but it has been the fellowship and the opportunity to share that hobby that I have found most rewarding. I am pleased to now call many of you my friends as a result of the Division. I am truly honored to have served as your Superintendent and I thank you for the opportunity to do so. For the final time, I remain

John A. Nawn, Division Superintendent

## **NEW DIVISION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS & CHANGES**

### **PLEASE READ THIS AS IT DIRECTLY IMPACTS YOUR DIVISION MEMBERSHIP**

Last year, the Philadelphia Division renewed our Charter with the Mid-East Region of the NMRA, as did all Divisions. In line with current Region and National thinking and partly due to insurance issues, the Region requested that all Division members be members of the Region and National also. This was not just for our Division, but for all Divisions. As it turns out, however, the original Division Charter with the Region, from 1967, requires that all Division members also be members of Region and National. While the Division has never required Region or National Membership in the past, we have certainly promoted, recommended, and encouraged it. But, as of March 28,, 1998, it is mandatory. What does this mean to me?

-If you are currently a member of the MER and the NMRA, it means very little. You can continue to participate as a member of the Philadelphia Division at the current \$3.00 yearly dues. Please note, however, you must provide us with your NMRA & Region membership numbers upon renewing your Division Membership. However, please also note that the Division can be your one stop shop. You can pay your Region and National dues through us and save yourself some time and a stamp or two

-If you are not currently a member of the MER or NMRA, why not join at our March Meet. We are extending the special introductory rates through March 28, but after that, it is over. Never again will you be able to join National (\$32), Region (\$8) and the Division (\$3) for only \$35.00. It's a great deal and we would encourage you to take us up on it.

-If you do not wish to join the NMRA and the MER (but I can't understand why), you can continue to receive the Philadelphia Dispatcher as a SUBSCRIBER. Subscribers are not members of the Division. They do not receive membership cards (no Hobby Shop discount, therefore), are not eligible to vote in Division elections, and cannot participate in the Division contests and the AP program. Subscribers pay \$5.00 per year for a subscription to the Philadelphia Dispatcher and must pay \$3.00 to get into EACH Division meet they chose to attend. As a subscriber, of course, your \$3.00 meet entrance fee will no longer include a one-year membership in the Division.

A quick review of the membership list suggests that most of the Division membership expires in March, therefore, you will need to renew at one of the options described above; \$35 for new NMRA members or renewals, \$3 for current NMRA members, or \$5 for a non member subscription to the quarterly Dispatcher. If you will not be at the March Meet, then please send your renewal to the current Division Clerk at his home address listed on page two, before March 28. If you are currently not due for renewal, you will be carried as either a member or subscriber (depending on whether or not you are a member of the NMRA and MER or not) until such time as you are do for renewal.



## Philadelphia Division Auction

The Philadelphia Division sponsored the auction at the Brandywine Junction convention. Without an auction at the spring convention, the members of the MER were bursting with items to sell. 375 lots were entered with 169 lots sold.

Auction Chair E. Winfield Gross thanks everyone who helped with running the auction. NMRA President Robert Charles served as auctioneer for most of the time. Many others moved tables, kept the books, ran items to sellers or collected money.

As always, some items with very high minimums received no bid. A lower minimum starts the bidding and then the price goes up. Low price items can be grouped with like items to make an interesting package.

## NMRA Renewal Special Extended!

The Philadelphia Division is pleased to announce that we will be continuing our special offer for new or renewal memberships in the NMRA National and Mid-Eastern Region. The special rate of \$35.00 includes National, MER, and Philadelphia Division dues, savings of \$8.00 if purchased separately! But you must hurry, this offer expires on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of our meet. Bring the entire form below to the meet or mail to Eric Dervinis before March 28<sup>th</sup> (photocopies will be accepted).

Please complete this entire form and include with your check:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
NMRA# \_\_\_\_\_ MER # \_\_\_\_\_ Division # \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_  
Scale \_\_\_\_\_ Interests \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE OF DIVISION OFFICER ELECTIONS

In accordance with the Division Charter with the MER, we are required to hold elections for Division officers every two years. The current Division Officers have set the next elections for Saturday, March 28, 1998 to be held at the Division's Annual Meeting commencing at 9:00 AM at St. Albans Church on Route 252 just north of Route 3 in Newtown Square, PA. All current Division MEMBERS, as defined by the Division charter, will be eligible to vote. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority (50% plus 1) of the votes of those members present to win election. The Division nominating committee, chaired by the current superintendent, has offered the following candidates for consideration:

- for Superintendent, Jim Hart
- for Assistant Superintendent, Matthew Nawn
- for Clerk, Tim Palmer

The position of Division Treasurer is an appointed one at the discretion of the elected Division Officers. It will be up to the newly elected officers to appoint a Treasurer if they so desire, otherwise, the Division Clerk performs the duties of the Treasurer. The positions of Dispatcher Editor and Module Team Foreman are also appointed positions at the pleasure of the Division Officers. Current Assistant Superintendent, Steve Salotti has agreed to serve as Editor and Tom Cancelmo has agreed to continue as Foreman, provided this is acceptable to the new officers. The position of Division AP coordinator is an appointed one by the Region AP Coordinator and therefore, the position is not subject to Division elections. It is expected that Dave Messer, MMR will continue his excellent service to the Division in this position. The term of office for the new Division Officers will run from April 1, 1998 to March 31, 2000. Any MEMBER in good standing of the Division is eligible to run for one of the three offices listed above. If any member would like to run for office, he must submit his name, in writing along with a brief statement that (1) he is a member in good standing of the division and (2), he is willing serve in the desired position. The written statement must be received by mail, fax or email by the current Division Superintendent on or before March 23, to be eligible to run. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

## Brandywine Junction '97 Wrap Up!

Did you make it to the Junction on November 7, 8, & 9 of '97? If not, then you missed what was probably the most exciting weekend of Model and Prototype railroading on the East Coast last fall. Over 400 modelers gathered at the Chadds Ford Ramada Inn for a weekend packed full of clinics, layout and prototype tours, fan trips, auction, display layouts, train show, etc. etc. There were so many activities on the schedule, it was virtually impossible for any one person to take in all of the convention. Attendees were forced to make many hard choices as they planned their activities for the weekend. Based on initial responses from attendees, this indeed was among the best Regional conventions they had ever attended. The following is a brief summary of some of the activities.

Prototype tours included:

The PECO Generating station in Eddystone, Pa, where registrants were treated to a full tour of the operation, including the rotary dumper and cab rides in the plant locomotive.

Septa's Frazer shop complex, where they were shown all aspects of the care and maintenance of the locomotive and car fleet, including walking through the insides of one of their "toaster" units.

Clearly one of the most popular trips was to the Lukens steel plant in Coatsville. Over 40 attendees were given a full tour of the facilities, including watching a pour of molten steel.

For fan trips, we offered the opportunity to ride in an ex-PRR gas electric on the former PRR Octoraro branch. Just over 100 convention attendees, Plug-N-Play attendees, and Philadelphia Chapter NRHS members took advantage of this rare excursion. While there was room for more, all those who went enjoyed the ride and Photo run-bys, including one rider who had commuted on these tracks near the end of passenger service on the Octoraro branch.

One of the highlights of this convention was the layout tours. With over 35 high quality layouts on the schedule, there was something for just about every interest. Tours were grouped by area to allow the maximum number of layouts to be visited.

Did you miss this great weekend of model railroading? Take the opportunity in the future to participate in a Region or National convention. It will be time and money well spent. It would be difficult to find more opportunities to improve your modeling skills in one location at one time. Don't miss the next one!

## MEET THE NOMINATED OFFICERS

Dr. Jim Hart, the nominated candidate for Superintendent, is a family practitioner in Drexel Hill, and is Chairman of Family Practice at Delaware County Memorial Hospital. Jim's Lima & Ohio home layout has been featured numerous times at our Division Meets. Jim models in HO and HO<sub>N3</sub> with particular interest in the PRR, Reading and EBT. He has always been ardent supporter of the Division and it's activities and most recently served as the Chairman for the Operations Call board, our most popular event at Brandywine Junction. Jim resides in the Middletown/Media area, has five children and five grandchildren and holds a commercial pilot's license.

Matthew Nawn, is currently a full time, Naval ROTC scholarship student at Villanova University where he is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. The current superintendent takes all the credit for introducing his youngest brother to this fine hobby. Matt models in N, HO, and O-scale and his main interest is in trolleys and the D,L,& W. Matt is sometimes referenced in John Corr's Philadelphia Inquirer column as "noted trolley historian Matt Nawn..." Matt has presented his clinic, "History & Development of the Interurban Car" at the 1993 National Convention, the most recent Region Convention and at a Division Meet. Matt has been a volunteer at all of the Division Train Show & Sales and most recently served as the tour host for the Frazer Shop Tour at Brandywine Junction.

Master Sergeant Tim Palmer, USAF is currently First Sergeant assigned to the 61st Medical Squadron at Los Angeles Air Force Base. Tim, originally from Norristown, currently resides in San Pedro, California, but intends to make his home in the area upon his retirement from the Air Force in July. Tim is a long standing member of the Division and models in HO scale with particular interest in the Reading. Tim was the Company Store Chairman for both the 1993 and 1996 National Conventions and the 1995 and, most recently, 1997 Regional Conventions.

## Carolina Junction '98

The Carolina Southern Division extends a personal invitation to all members of the Philadelphia Division to attend **Carolina Junction '98**. This will be the first Mid-Eastern Region NMRA convention in the Charlotte, N.C. area and they are rolling out the red carpet. No matter what your interest – models, prototype, rail, and non-rail, there will be something for everyone. Bring your cameras and video cameras and plenty of film or tape.

Don't care to drive down? There is no need to bring your car. With **advance notification** accompanying your registration, you can be picked up and dropped off from April 22 to April 27 at either Amtrak's Charlotte station or Douglas International Airport. During the convention, tours will be by modern, comfortable tour buses. Even layout tours will be by bus (no need to drive at night in a strange town).

The **Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel** will be the center of activity for Carolina Junction '98. Bring the entire family and stay in comfort. The special low convention rate will be in effect from April 22 to April 27, however, there are only 222 rooms available and **reservations must be made by April 2nd, 98** to receive the reduced rate, so register early! The convention room rate is \$65.00 a night plus taxes, fees and incidentals, single or double occupancy. Please mention the Carolina Junction '98 convention when making your reservations. Contact the hotel directly at:

Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel  
3315 South I-85 at Billy Graham Parkway  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208  
Phone: 704-392-1200  
Fax: 704-393-2207

This convention will have something for everyone, including many of the "standard" items such as clinics, layout tours, contests (photo and model), company store, banquet, and more. Some of the featured clinicians are Chuck Yungkurth, Monroe Stewart, Bob Charles, Connie Rudder, Harold Carstens, Jim Cope, Bill Gruber, John

Johnston, Rick Allen, Terry Nesbit, Jim Teese, and Fred Voelker.

Some of the tours featured are:

Tour 100: Travel by private car to Charlotte on the Pine Tree. Board anywhere Amtrak's Carolinian usually stops. Tickets must be purchased now to ensure lease of the car. Includes three meals.

Tour 200: Spencer Shops, original Southern shops, one of the largest in the East. Now N. Carolina Transportation Museum.

Tour 306: Lancaster & Chester, a short line RR with museum and operating HO layout. Visit equipment on display, plus a trip to the South Carolina RR museum with over 60 pieces of equipment on display.

Tour 302 & 400: Charlotte Trolley, restored equipment plus ride over existing line.

Tour 301: City of Charlotte N.C.

Tour 202: Reeds Gold Mine, a N.C. historical site with a working stamp mill. tour the mill, pan for gold, & tour the mine.

Tour 203: Fine dinning at McCabes.

Tour 204: Cannon Village shopping district.

Tour 201: All three above.

Tour 307: Charlotte Motor Speedway and Classic Auto Museum with lunch at Old Hickory House.

Tour 303: Stowe Botanical Garden with its full spring colors.

The registration form includes the layout tour numbers and other information about items such as meal selection. If you have any other questions about the many activities planned, please contact the convention registrar as below:

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# Carolina Junction '98, Registration

Mid-Eastern Region Spring Convention. Charlotte, North Carolina. April 23-26, 1998

NMRA# _____	MER# _____	Registration # _____
Name: _____		Registration includes unlimited entry to the train
Address _____		show and all clinics during the convention.
City/State/Zip _____		
phone # _____	Fax # _____	E-mail _____

<u>Convention Registration:</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>X number</u>	<u>Total</u>
NMRA member, name _____	\$35 each _____	_____	_____
Spouse, name _____	\$15 each _____	_____	_____
Youth, name _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
Non NMRA, name _____	\$40 each _____	_____	_____
List additional attendees on back of form and total fare for those listed on back here _____			
<u>Social Activities:</u>			
Friday night social _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
Saturday banquet, Chicken _____	\$25 each _____	_____	_____
Saturday banquet, Beef _____	\$25 each _____	_____	_____
Sunday breakfast _____	\$12 each _____	_____	_____
<u>Rail Tours:</u>			
#100 Pine Tree State Private Car _____	\$200 each _____	_____	_____
#200 Salisbury-Spencer, B-B-Q Chicken _____	\$45 each _____	_____	_____
#200 Salisbury-Spencer, B-B-Q Pork _____	\$45 each _____	_____	_____
#300 Duke Power Rotary Dumper _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#302 Charlotte Trolley, Charlotte Electric Train _____	\$12 each _____	_____	_____
#306 L&C, SC rail museum, lunch, <u>fried chicken</u> _____	\$28 each _____	_____	_____
#306 L&C, SC rail museum, lunch, <u>baked ham</u> _____	\$28 each _____	_____	_____
#400 Charlotte Trolley _____	\$12 each _____	_____	_____
<u>Non Rail Tour:</u>			
#201 Reeds Gold Mine, Cannon Village, McCabes, <u>steak</u> _____	\$25 each _____	_____	_____
#201 Reeds Gold Mine, Cannon Village, McCabes, <u>chicken</u> _____	\$25 each _____	_____	_____
#201 Reeds Gold Mine, Cannon Village, McCabes, <u>pasta</u> _____	\$25 each _____	_____	_____
#202 Reeds Gold Mine _____	\$12 each _____	_____	_____
#203 McCabes, lunch, <u>steak</u> _____	\$20 each _____	_____	_____
#203 McCabes, lunch, <u>chicken</u> _____	\$20 each _____	_____	_____
#203 McCabes, lunch, <u>pasta</u> _____	\$20 each _____	_____	_____
#204 Cannon Village Coupon Shopping _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#301 Charlotte City Tour _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#303 Stowe Botanical Gardens _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#307 Speedway, Hickory house, Auto Museum _____	\$32 each _____	_____	_____
#308 Charlotte Motor Speedway _____	\$15 each _____	_____	_____
#309 Old Hickory House BBQ _____	\$20 each _____	_____	_____
#310 Auto Museum, Ready to Run Hobby _____	\$15 each _____	_____	_____
<u>Layout Tours:</u>			
#205 Friday 8-12 noon _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#206 Friday 1-5 pm _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#207 Friday 7-11 pm _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#304 Saturday 8-12 noon _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#305 Saturday 1-5 pm _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
#401 Sunday 1-5 pm _____	\$10 each _____	_____	_____
<u>Layout Operation Raffle:</u>			
#311 Saturday, 8:00 am-12:00 noon _____	\$15 each _____	_____	_____
#312 Saturday, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm _____	\$15 each _____	_____	_____
#313 Saturday, 8:00 am-12:00 noon _____	\$15 each _____	_____	_____
#314 Saturday, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm _____	\$15 each _____	_____	_____
<b>Grand Total</b>			_____

## **Discounts for Division Members at Local Hobby Shops**

Be sure to patronize the area's hobby shops that are now offering discounts on model railroading purchases to members of the Philadelphia Division.

### **Ardmore Hobbies**

on Lancaster Ave. in Ardmore  
10% discount on all model railroad supplies

### **Iron Horse Hobby Shop**

60 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Reading  
10% discount with \$10 min purchase

### **Mitchell's Family Store**

2119 Concord Pike (202) in Wilmington DE  
10% discount on train department items

### **Herb's Hobbies and Crafts**

200 W. State St. in Doylestown  
\$25 of free merchandise for every \$250 spent

### **Nicholas Smith Trains**

2343 West Chester Pike (3) in Bromall  
10% discount (excludes LGB items)

### **Bussinger Trains**

Old Ambler Station, Ambler  
10-12% off retail

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